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NOVEL SPIRO COMPOUNDS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert: ✓

a This application is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/983,598 filed October 25, 2001, ^{now 6,388,377}
which is a divisional of Serial No. 09/640,784 filed August 18, 2000, now issued as U.S. Patent
No. 6,326,375.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel without prejudice claims 22, 27, 32, 35 and 39.